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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS

1. BCP ORGAN RABOTNICHESKO DELO MAY 10 CARRIED AN UNUSUALLY STRONG ARTICLE ON BULGARIAN-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS, PEGGED TO A RECENT REPORT IN THE "FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG" WHICH ALLEGEDLY HAD REPORTED THE PRESENCE OF SOVIET TROOPS IN BULGARIA, IN THE BLAGOEVGRAD AREA (WHICH IS BULGARIAN MACEDONIA), AND WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE COMMENTED THAT EVOLUTION OF BULGARIAN-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS DEPENDS ON MODIFICATION OF BULGARIAN POSITION.

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2. COMMENT BEGIN LOU: GERMAN AMBASSADOR TELLS US THAT GOB HAD COMPLAINED ABOUT THE FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE STORY AND THAT UPON CHECKING HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY BONN THAT THE REPORT ABOUT SOVIET TROOPS HAD CLEARLY IDENTIFIED THE SOURCE AS ALBANIAN. END LOU COMMENT.

3. "THE MATTER WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN WORTH NOTING," RABDEL

COMMENTED, "IF THAT LIE HAD NOT BEEN TAKEN AS PRETEXT FOR ANOTHER DIVERSION. BASING ITSELF ON THAT FICTITIOUS SENSATIONAL NEWS ITEM, THE PAPER ADOPTED A TONE OF 'COMPETENCE' TO ANALYZE AND INTERPRET THE SITUATION IN THE BALKANS, TAKING ITS WISHES FOR REALITY. REFERRING TO DECLARATIONS AND WRITINGS WHICH ARE WELL-KNOWN AND IN OUR VIEW INOPPORTUNE, THE PAPER INSINUATES THAT PROGRESS IN RELATIONS BETWEEN BULGARIA AND YUGOSLAVIA DEPENDS ON 'EVOLUTION' OF THE BULGARIAN POSITIONS, ON ACCEPTANCE BY THE BULGARIAN SIDE OF CERTAIN PRECONDITIONS, ON CONCESSIONS WHICH OUR COUNTRY WOULD BE OBLIGED TO MAKE TO PERMIT THE DEVELOPMENT OF CONTACTS AND RELATIONS."

4. "OBVIOUSLY THIS IS THE OLD TIRED SONG WHICH IS SUNG BY CIRCLES WHICH ARE WELL KNOWN, WHO FOR A LONG TIME HAVE CREATED IMPRESSION THAT THE BULGARIAN SIDE IS LACKING IN GOOD WILL AND SINCERITY IN SOLUTION OF CERTAIN PROBLEMS WITH ITS NEIGHBORS . . . OUR COUNTRY CONSIDERS IT UNACCEPTABLE THAT PRECONDITIONS BE POSED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN COUNTRIES. IT WILL NEVER YIELD TO PRESSURES FOR UNILATERAL CONCESSIONS . . . NOBODY IN OUR COUNTRY WILL PERMIT INTERFERENCE IN OUR INTERNAL AFFAIRS IN MATTERS WHICH ARE ENTIRELY WITHIN EXCLUSIVE COMPETENCE OF THE BULGARIAN PEOPLE AND OF OUR SOCIALIST STATE . . . AND IT IS NOT FROM US BUT FROM SOMEONE ELSE THAT A CONSTRUCTIVE AND REALISTIC STANCE MUST BE EXPECTED."

5. BALANCE OF ARTICLE IS STANDARD ARTICULATION ON THE REASONABLENESS OF THE BULGARIAN ATTITUDE WHICH FAVORS NEGOLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TIATIONS WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS, EXAMINATION OF INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS IN SPIRIT OF MUTUAL RESPECT AND RESPECT FOR INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY AND EQUALITY OF COUNTRIES, A CALM AND PATIENT DIALOGUE IN CLIMATE STIMULATING GOOD NEIGHBORLI-NESS AND MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS COOPERATION, ETC.  
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